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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communication Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Genachowski,

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is a private-public partnership in Marquette County, Michigan, whose mission is focused on the promotion and advancement of economic, tourism and community development. Our members, 800 strong, are committed to collaborative decision making and will make a strong and lasting commitment to our region by investing time and resources.

We encourage the FCC to exercise caution as you deliberate in the area of "regulating" the Internet. Our members rely on affordable broadband access to do their jobs and grow their businesses. In the past decade, this access has allowed us to serve new customers and connect with friends and family almost anywhere in the world; all with very little investment in capital or inventory. We believe it was a competitive marketplace, absent of onerous government regulations that allowed the internet to evolve, expand and improve over the years at such an extraordinary pace.

The Lake Superior Community Partnership strongly urges the FCC to adopt guidelines that will allow investments in new technologies and infrastructure to flourish, along with policies that support additional investment in broadband. We encourage you to help make broadband more accessible and affordable; particularly to people and businesses in rural areas like the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Amy Clickner'.

Amy Clickner  
Chief Executive Officer  
Lake Superior Community Partnership

cc: Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell